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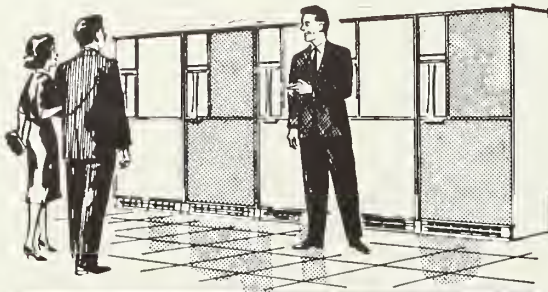
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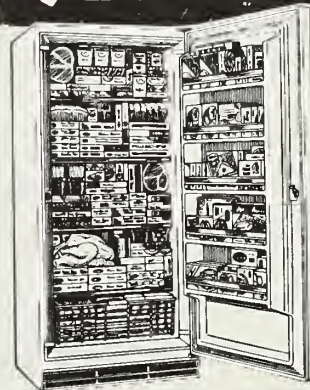
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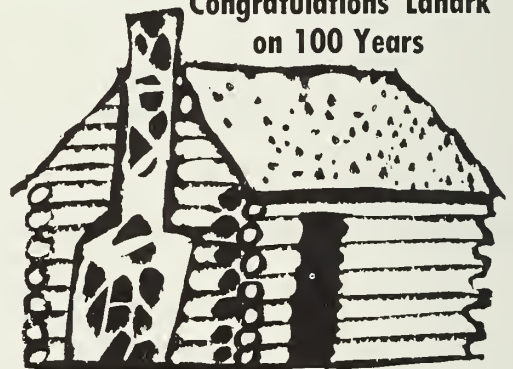
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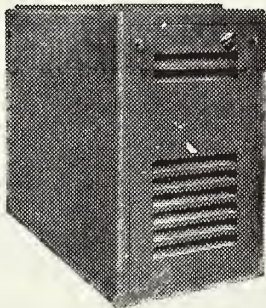
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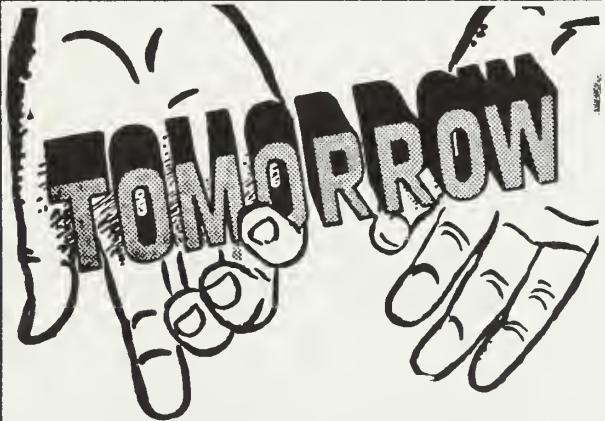
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Foreword

Through these pages you will find the history of our town, Lanark: its meager beginnings, its growth, its amusing incidents, its tragedies, and its people. We who have been involved in planning Lanark's first hundred-year celebration offer this with pride.

If this has been a successful celebration it cannot be credited to any one person, but rather to all who worked in jobs large or small, and who are proud of the community in which they live or are associated. And among those associated with Lanark are the farmers whose ancestors were the backbone of the settlement of this area, and who today support the community as their town.

The benefits of a venture like this cannot be measured in dollars and cents, but rather in the varied, far-reaching effects resulting from a community venture such as this. We have seen a splendid harmony of farmers and townspeople; we have seen new leadership develop; best of all we have seen people band together in a common effort, regardless of their personal feelings at the outset.

In short, we have discovered one fact that is omnipotent in every community, whether village or city, which has been expressed by an unknown author:

If you want to live in the kind of a town
Like the kind of a town you like,
You needn't slip your clothes in a grip
And start a long, long, hike.
For you'll only find what you left behind,
For there's nothing that's really new;
It's a knock at yourself when you knock your town
For it isn't your town . . . it's you!

William Shearer
General Chairman



Main Street in Lanark about 1914.



Main Street Lanark - 1961

Our Heritage

When white settlers moved into northwestern Illinois the Sauk and Fox Indians were the only tribes to put up any real resistance. Relentless pressure of the white men soon drove the Indians across the Mississippi leaving the fertile prairies, the rugged bluffs and wooded slopes to the settlers.

In 1830 Thomas Crane, the first area settler, took up a squatter's claim in what is now Cherry Grove Township. His home, surrounded by a 9-foot high palisade, was known as Crane's Fort. As far as can be ascertained, this fort was located at Lovers' Spring. One of the first surveyors' maps shows it located about one-half mile west of Highway 73 and one-half mile north of the township road, or the old Sucker Trail.

About 1840 an inn or tavern called the Cherry Grove House was built on the Galena-Peoria road. It is presumed to be the inn operated by Ing Garner for his brother Francis, and stood west of the present Matt Garner farm, on Lloyd Wolf's farm.



This was an early stage coach stop located west of Matt Garners on the Lloyd Wolf farm.

Factually, Lanark is located in Rock Creek Township of Carroll County, Illinois, on beautiful high, rolling prairies. Its first settler was David Becker, followed closely by Z. B. Kinkade, John Kinkade and Nathaniel Sutton. Many thought settling on the prairie was hazardous and foolish, but soon the virgin soil was being broken by the teams and plows of E. Spaulding and L. F. Estabrook. While neighbors were cutting timber and grubbing roots, these men were enjoying a farm already made except for cabins and fences.

William Renner, coming from Maryland in 1837 with his large family, hauled grain (mostly wheat) by oxen to Chicago and sold it for 40¢ a bushel. He sold dressed pork for \$1 per hundred weight.

John Wolf located in Lanark in 1842, farmed, invested in land, and loaned money. He was associated with the First National Bank and in 1878 opened what is now the Exchange State Bank. Mr. Wolf owned a big Pennsylvania wagon and had a six-horse team (almost the only horses in northern Illinois). At the time of the famous Lincoln-Douglas debate in Freeport, he had hauled a load of grain to the city. He was asked to convey Lincoln from the Brewster House to the speaker's stand. This he did proudly, as he greatly admired Mr. Lincoln.

James Howell first settled in Freedom Township in 1845, later lived in a house on the site of Lanark where his children, Thomas and Hannah, were the first white children born in Rock Creek Township.

Daniel Belding who came from Vermont in 1855, made cheese, most of which was shipped to England. He was a school director and postmaster.

Acting as an agent for the Northern Illinois Railroad Company, D. W. Dame in 1857 purchased 80 acres of land, and John Nycum of Mt. Carroll donated 80 acres more to the railroad for the town site. The railroad company donated generous amounts of this land for the school, city park and churches. D. W. Dame laid out the city.

The town's first name was Glasgow, but as there was already a town by that name in Illinois, the name became Lanark. Lanark is the name of the county in Scotland where a banker lived who provided money for the railroad company.

As soon as it was known that the railroad was coming, settlers moved in rapidly. Many dreamed of towns and cities being at every crossroad, and towns born on paper died when the railroad routed elsewhere! It is not possible to list all early settlers, but those brought to our attention were: William Crinklaw, Francis Garner, George Dorr, Peter Horner, Elliot Nichol, L. A. Chaffee, Sam Dietrich, J. R. Eby, Noah Flickinger, Joe and Ed Glotfelty, Jacob Grossman, Benjamin Noble, John Redline, John Hess, Levi Bray.



This is the oldest building in Lanark



The Lanark House around 1900.

The first house built in Lanark was a 16 ft. x 96 ft. structure intended for a boarding house for men working on the railroad and building the Lanark House (hotel). The boarding house was built under the direction of D. W. Dame, and when completed was operated by Daniel H. Stauffer and wife - the first family to live in the new town. Later C. E. Wales purchased the material in the boarding house and used it to build

the first store building which was used by him as a hardware store. S. R. Brenaman uses it now as a garage.

The Lanark House (first hotel) was started in July 1861 to accommodate the workers on the railroad. It was built by John Wills of Texas (an uncle of Grace Wolf) and operated by Fred Gear many years. It is still in operation, known as the St. Jean Hotel, and owned by Mrs. J. St. Jean.

The first business house was a small store owned by "Uncle" Chancy Grant and his one-armed son William. Their stock was worth about \$150, but they made money and bought more property. Their original property was taken over by a Mr. Mishler for his grocery store. Another hardware store was built in 1861, a frame building owned by Blake and Stowell of Mt. Carroll. This was later purchased by John Hess, who with his son William, conducted the business for many years. In 1878 there were 75 businesses. It was said Lanark did more business than any other town in the county.



An early artist's conception of the Eby Building.

Some of the early business men were: Asa Bixby, Joseph Widmer, Wm. Crinklaw and William Strang, blacksmiths; Mr. Cogswell and Seth Wiley, plasterers; Nicholas Fagan, harness maker; John Pailey, cashier First National Bank; Trescott, lumber dealer; Stauffer, Henry Reynolds, Benjamin Noble, grocers; Alvaro Shumway, John Allemong and H. S. Puterbaugh, druggists. Mr. Shumway and Mr. Cogswell also served as Justice of the Peace. M. J. Boyle, J. R. Sheller and John Risely, tailors; Israel and Lepnow, dry goods; Ransom Gilbert sold sewing machines and organs; Wm. Ross and L. C. Chaffee, wagon makers; Will Beans, men's clothing, boots and shoes; J. R. Bingaman, grain dealer; J. D. Wheat, carpenter; Garland, poultry dealer; Diehl and Roth and George Dorr, shoemakers; Dan Wiley, pumps and windmills; Ed. Seyfarth, jeweler; J. D. Wolfley, carpet weaver; and many others.

Dr. Joseph Haller was the first physician followed by Doctors O. L. White, Porter Wales, Henry W. Wales, J. B. Porter, Pacificus Porter, G. Mershon, Eby, and Valentine. Dr. T. I. Packard and Dr. E. L. Hendricks served many years after the turn of the century. Dr. Blough was the first dentist; later there were Drs. Chamberlin, Staley, and Woodside.



The Lanark Gazette composing room looked like this in 1912. Type was set by hand at that time.

The first newspaper was the LANARK BANNER founded in May 1863 by John R. Howlett. This publication changed hands a number of times, and in 1871 was discontinued. The CARROLL COUNTY GAZETTE succeeded it. In 1878 Mr. Howlett returned to Lanark and published the paper for a year when Frank A. Livermore purchased it and changed the name to THE LANARK GAZETTE. In 1893 W. G. Wild became owner and publisher, and with William G. Redline as printer and pressman, guided THE GAZETTE through forty successful years.

Early industries were varied, among them were the planing mill and sash factory, woolen mill, grist mill, brick yards, cooper shop, marble works, creameries,



This mill was built in 1858 by J. T. Valentine. The millstone was shipped from Germany.



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laundry, carpet weavers, boot and shoemakers, and factories for washing machines, butter tubs, corn plows, fine harnesses, fanning mills, vinegar, cigars, corn-cob pipes and cheese. A canning factory has been in operation for many years.



Marble shop started in 1883 by T. H. Wachtel and Elmer Ehmer.

The first mail was carried tri-weekly by Thomas Crane from Crane's Fort on the Galena trail to Freeport. At the Cherry Grove station John Pierce kept the stage horses and was the postmaster for three or four years. In 1853 Jacob Emmert obtained a contract to carry daily mail from Savanna to Freeport. This remained in effect until the Racine and Mississippi Railroad was built. In the early 1900's Free Delivery routes were established by the government. The carriers traveled 25 - 35 miles a day. Lanark had 5 routes at one time. Today it has three, a fine new building, and in 1960 \$29,000 in business was handled there.



The railroad station and switching tower.

The railroad influenced Lanark's rapid development greatly. The first line of the now Milwaukee Road through Lanark was built in several stages: in 1857 the Racine and Mississippi Railroad built from Beloit to Durand; in 1858 on to Davis; in 1859 to Freeport. In 1861 the Northern Illinois Railroad Co. built from Freeport to Kittredge and then Lanark. (In 1862 this line was extended to Savanna.) The Northern Illinois Co. consolidated with the Western Union Railroad Co. in 1866. (In 1901 it was sold to the Milwaukee Road.) By 1876 progressive citizens were anxious for a more direct line to Chicago than via Freeport. A railroad reached west to Byron from Chicago, and D. W. Dame, George Sherwood, and I. Dean worked tirelessly to secure a line from Byron to Lanark, to no avail. However, in 1880 the C.M.St.Paul came through Kittredge, and by combining with the line from Freeport to Lanark, a direct line to Chicago was obtained. As late as the twenties the depot was often filled with travelers who came to board trains.

Lanark was a busy shipping point: in 1877, 379 cars of grain and livestock were shipped.

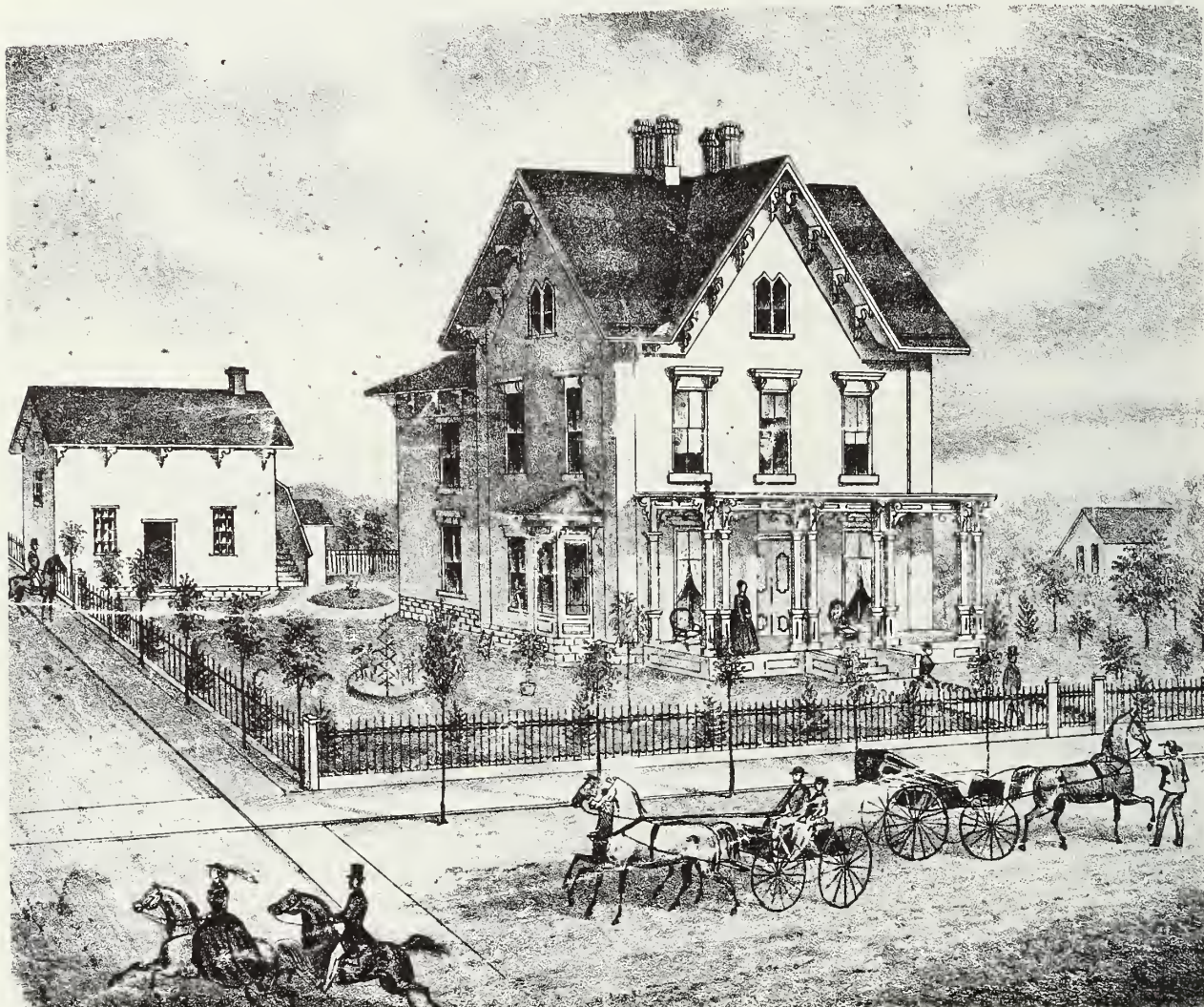
Train wrecks were quite frequent - and many and unusual tales followed. At one wreck east of town during a storm the engine and several cars left the track. The engine reportedly disappeared in the quagmire and was never recovered. Another time a wreck west of town delayed other trains. Some passengers walked into town and visited with townspeople. One resident found himself talking with Chief Sitting Bull who had been to Washington, D. C. to sign a government pact. Once after a severe snow storm the first plow came through. Many people were on the high board fences watching. The high plumes of snow thrown by the plow buried some onlookers that were then dug out by friends!

Lanark's first library was started by several young folks, each bringing two books and exchanging them with one another. The WCTU then started a library over the post office until a fire made it necessary to move to the White Building. About 1930 the White sisters moved the books into their home, and after their death, the library was taken over by the Lanark Woman's Club.

The water works were built in 1888; the electric light system began about 1895; the telephone system was organized by local citizens in 1902. At first electricity was used only for street lights. From 1904 - 17 Aaron Warfel operated the light plant, and

power was supplied only from dusk to midnight. The United Utility Co. purchased the Warfel plant.

The old buildings and dwellings carry many and varied histories, and we have little but "word of mouth" history. Two landmarks still standing are homes built in 1868 by bankers, Mr. Sprogle and Mr. Van Vechten, said to be trying to out-do each other. The Sprogle home on East Locust is now occupied by Jesse Shidler; the Van Vechten home on East Pearl is the home of Mrs. Carrie Erisman and her son John.



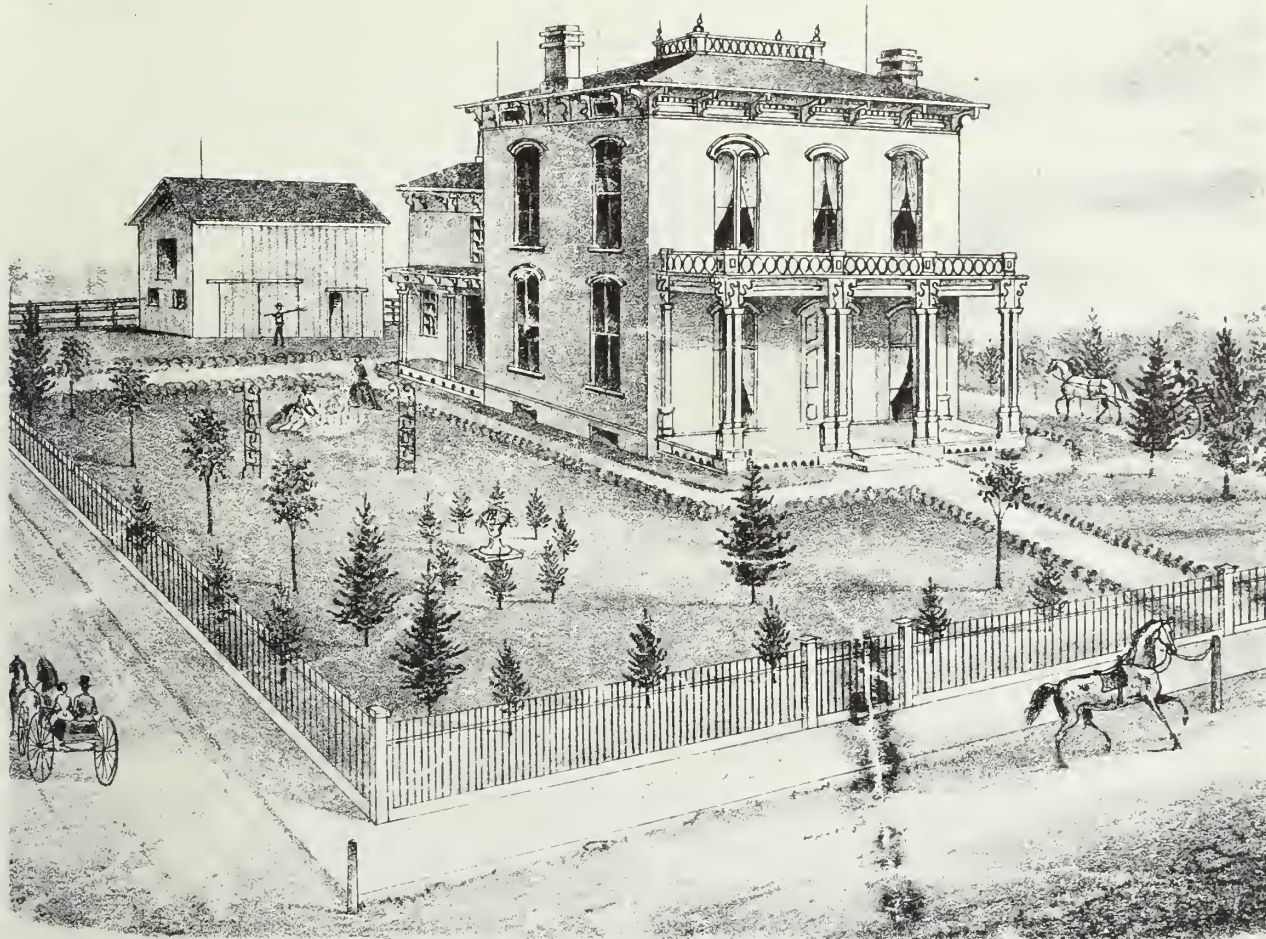
J. L. Sprogle built this home now owned by Jess Shidler. Its present appearance is much the same.

A Mr. Timothy O'Keefe built a four-family apartment on West Carroll. David Lower built a brick house on South Main in 1867, and it is now occupied by his grandson, Donald Lower. The brick for this house, the J. F. Hess Hardware Store, and the Methodist Church were made where Mrs. George Beck's home stands in south Lanark.

The Allemong building owned by Mrs. Ella Giddings was built in Cherry Grove Township and moved to Broad Street about 1864. Quite appropriately, a portion of it is being used for the Centennial Headquarters.

The Glendora Hotel, built by Mr. Dorr, sold to Mr. Stauffer in 1914, has changed hands frequently and is now a private residence.

The first church was built by Methodists in 1861, and was soon followed by



G. F. Van Vechten was the original owner of this house which still stands having undergone few changes. It is now owned by Carrie Erisman.

several other denominations. A few congregations that are no longer active are: The Christian Church which began in Freedom Township in 1843, moved to Lanark in 1862, and disbanded in 1956. Four men entered their ministry: Frank Sword, Frank Moffett, William Hawk and William Clemmer. The Congregational Society organized in 1859, disbanded in 1878. The Abrahamic Church was active from 1866 until the early 1900's. The Church of God functioned from 1866 - 1940. From 1867 - 1903 the First Baptist Church served the community.

In 1862 a public school was started in the Pierce home, and that year Mrs. Figely started a private school in her home and hired an eastern girl, a Miss Williams, as teacher. In May 1863 a special school meeting was called to vote on the length of the school year and to decide about using the land given by the railroad. Much litigation, many meetings and five years later a school was built on an entirely different location. The building and ground cost \$15,000. In 1893 it was destroyed by fire. School met in the Abrahamic, Methodist and Baptist churches and in the north side school house. The north side school had had the first six grades, and was not used after 1894 when a new school was built. In 1895 a four-year high school was begun. Charles Lowman and Nathan Grossman were graduated that year.

May 18, 1898 Carroll County experienced its worst storm. Some damage reported in a book by Cal Feezer of Mt. Carroll was: "The Lanark vinegar factory was unroofed; everything but the house at Christ Rowland's is gone; Henry Arnold's house, barn, etc. gone; upper part of Charles Wentz's house demolished; at Cal Puterbaugh's all but house blown away; William Johnson farm a total loss, but he had \$2900 tornado insurance; excessive damage in streets and in cemetery; all buildings at George Taber farm demolished; extensive damage at John Stineman and Nichols' farms; grain ruined and much livestock killed."

Patriotic Organizations

Lanark has furnished her full quota of service men in every war. It is especially fitting that we pay due honor to the members of Shiloh Post G.A.R. in this Civil War Centennial year, too.

The Grand Army of the Republic was organized to preserve the strong fraternal bonds and to assist comrades in need or their widows and orphans. Lanark's Post was organized in 1880. It began with 26 members, and by 1913 had 88, all of whom had enlisted. They met at the Masonic Hall. The last old soldier was Amos Ditsworth.

Charter members were: George Lattig, D. H. Snyder, George Noble, David Lepman, George Root, Willis Ray, Seth Wiley, W. Thomson, J. T. Valentine, M. J. Rowland, George Gordon, B. S. Gaff, Victor Whisler, Austin Willis, E. Stover, Peter Raymer, H. W. Wales, J. Ruthrauff, J. Garman, Jonas Buffington, Henry Foulds, Thomas Elder, Warren Sherwood, A. H. Bowen, I. L. Bowen, M. J. Boyle.



Street scene at the 1912 Old Settlers Day celebration in Lanark.

Old Settlers' Association

In September 1874 a large number of old settlers met on the Carroll Co. Agricultural Fair Grounds in answer to a call in county papers. D. W. Dame stated the purpose of the meeting, Luther Bowen was elected president and Samuel Preston, the secretary. One vice-president from each township was elected and a committee chosen



Park scene at the 1908 Old Settlers Day.

to draft a constitution which was adopted October 8. Twenty-five years of county residency was required for membership. The Association aimed to bring citizens together for fellowship and to gather and record valuable historical information. It was to exist as long as any members lived.

For 77 years the reunion was held yearly except during World War II and the 1946 epidemic. It no longer exists as an association, but a reunion and celebration is sponsored by the Lanark business men and service organizations in the city park.

Old Farms Still In Family

The farm now known as the Kenneth Truman farm was purchased in 1830 by Henry B. Puterbaugh, and has been in the family four generations.

In 1840 John Wolf came from Maryland by covered wagon and bought a farm north of Lanark. The purchase was signed by President James K. Polk. Still in use on the farm are the original red brick home with fireplaces in all rooms, a barn, and a spring. The present owner, a great-grandson, is Joy Wolf Sword of the fourth generation.

Francis Garner purchased a farm in Cherry Grove Township in 1844; now owned by Mr. and Mrs. Matt Garner.

Jesse Van Buskirk purchased his 320 acre farm in 1841. It is now being operated by Mrs. Velma Van Buskirk and her son Clark.

John Rowland and wife (Sara Puterbaugh) came by horse and buggy from Pennsylvania in 1847. From the government he bought a section of land in Cherry Grove Township. The purchase was signed by President James K. Polk. Farm is now owned by Mrs. Sibyl Rowland and her son John Loren Rowland. The original home and barn are still on the farm.

John Morris purchased 480 acres in 1854. The land is now owned by the George Morris estate; managed by Robert L. Morris.

The H. B. Puterbaugh farm in Cherry Grove Township has been in the family since 1856 and is now owned by Eva Truman, Verva Robinson, Cora Corbett and June Lehman.



The Puterbaugh family has owned this farm since 1856 when Henry B. Puterbaugh bought it from Francis Garner and Henry Puterbaugh.



George Finifrock and his wife, Lillie, (pictured) lived here when this picture was taken about 1890.

Elias Finifrock farm, now owned by Stanley Finifrock, was purchased in 1859 and registered at Dixon, Illinois, Land Office and signed by President James K. Polk to Nathan Fisk. Severe northern Illinois weather caused the Fisks to sell the farm to Finifrock. Original home still in use.



The Martin farm, located between Lanark and Shannon, was purchased by Henry Martin in 1868 for \$500. His son Harry purchased it in 1908. He lived his entire life here. Walter, grandson of Henry, purchased the farm in 1950.

The Lowman-Courts farm was purchased in 1861 by D. J. Lowman and is now owned by Mrs. Nelle Courts.

In 1848 George W. Puterbaugh bought a farm in Cherry Grove Township, and it has been in the family more than three generations. Three Puterbaugh men who have owned the farm were all named George. Present owner and his daughter are living on the farm now.

Henry Mellinger and wife (Sara Wolff) came by covered wagon from Pennsylvania in 1846 to Mt. Carroll. In 1868 he purchased a farm in Cherry Grove Township. A son-in-law, John R. Wolf, purchased it in 1877, and in 1918 he and his wife deeded it to their daughter, Miss Grace Wolf.

The M. W. Copp farm was purchased in 1855 and has been in the family ever since. It is now owned by Catherine Cook Bornback and her sister Ruth Cook Barauski.

We have reached the bend in the road of time and with feelings of admiration and respect for the pioneers and a certain nostalgia for those days that are gone, we look around at Lanark as it is today.

The same quiet beauty that surrounded the early settlers remains in part. Some of the old houses still stand, and a few are owned by the original families. Many of the business houses are the same, some modernized and some replaced with new buildings.

Schools have undergone the greatest change - a new high school and a grade school having been built in the last decade.



This farm has been in the John Wolf family since 1840. Joy Wolf Sword is the fourth generation owner.



The Sützel Brothers threshing ring about 1890. Picture is taken on the Bob Guenzler farm. Power was developed by the horses at the left.



An early picture of Lanark Cemetery and one showing how it appears today.

Cemetery

Our cemetery is still one of the loveliest there is. Since its founding in 1860 the cemetery has grown to a beautifully landscaped area of over 37 acres. The Methodists had a church and burial ground in the southeast corner of the present location in 1860. The next year they moved their building into town, but kept the cemetery in their care until 1880 when they asked the city to take it over. The grounds were about full, and it was felt to be a city project. The city did so, and bought an additional tract of land. In 1881 Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Kingery deeded additional land, and the Methodists deeded their land and plots to the city.

Between 1880-1900 beautiful plantings of shade trees along the boundaries, arborvitae drives, and three large circles of pine trees and hard maple trees were made. Memorial services are held within the large circle of maple trees.

Recent History

In the following pages we will try to set down in a brief way the progress that has been made.

Lanark has always had a city government. The mayor is elected for four years and aldermen are elected for two years. There are three wards with two aldermen in each. Present city officials are George Peat, mayor; Ward 1 - Melvin Folk, Darius Krell; Ward 2 - Ralph Glenn, Keith Rogers, aldermen; Ward 3 - Perry Baxter, Emerson Champion; Robert L. Morris, city attorney; Leslie Fulrath, city marshal; treasurer, Mrs. Robert Merchant, Jr.; secretary Wm. Flickinger.

Vast improvements have been made in the public utilities. In 1956 a new pumping plant with a 1300 foot well was built. It delivers 750 gallons per minute; water is chlorinated and flouridated. A sanitary sewer system was installed in 1938. The Public Service Company furnishes the electric power for the area. The Northern Illinois Telephone Company purchased the home-owned company in 1957 and installed a completely new dial system which was put into service October 31, 1959.

All the city streets were blacktopped in 1939-40. The main street is part of Illinois highway 72 and 73, and the southern boundary of the city is U. S. highway 52 and Illinois highway 64.

Businesses in 1961 include three medical doctors, one each of the following: dentist, veterinarian, attorney, drug store, mortician, frozen food locker, shoe repair shop, hatchery, hotel, motel, jewelry and furniture store, marine service sales company, accounting service, welding shop, a laundrette, dairy store, greenhouse, weekly newspaper, advertising newspaper; two banks, two hardware stores, two taverns, five grocery stores. There are insurance, real estate, farm service and supply companies, grain dealers, elevators, livestock dealers, radio and TV service and sales, lumber yards, fuel dealers, service stations, garages, motor sales companies, plumbing and heating companies, livestock trucking companies, and produce dealers, beauty parlors, barber shops, dry goods stores, restaurants and tradesmen of many sorts.

Our industries include Forster-Appelt Co., manufacturers of midget airplane motors and precision instruments; Buss Bait and Buss Manufacturing Company, makers of fish baits and bedding; Hygenics Fabricating Co., manufacturers of sterile cloth for cheese making; Rogers Ready-Mix Co., makers of cement blocks and concrete; and our largest industry - Green Giant Canning Co. In 1948 Green Giant purchased the Fuhremann Canning Co. and has done much modernizing. About 3/4 million cases of peas and corn per year are processed.

The Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Railroad services the community. The Union Pacific road uses the same tracks for several of its "crack" west coast trains.

On the next few pages we will tell you about our fire department, churches, patriotic organizations, service clubs, fraternal orders, youth clubs, etc. bringing our historical book to its conclusion. Because of space limitations, there has been much condensing and elimination of detail, but the result is a clear, broad panorama of our background years.

This book was not meant to be a literary gem, but we have tried to present a factual history, receiving our information from every available source.

We wish to thank all who helped compile the information and who gave pictures.

As we face the second hundred years we must accept the responsibility that comes with progress, and from these pioneers receive the inspiration and courage to work together for the realization of our ideals.

Mrs. C. F. Isenberger, Chairman

Churches

The churches are in the same locations, some have been completely rebuilt, others remodeled. Out of these churches have come some fine religious leaders, and the influence of the teaching is witnessed in the daily association with our neighbors and friends.



Lanark Church of the Brethren



Lanark Methodist Church

Church of the Brethren

The territory of the church was formerly part of the Cherry Grove district. Due to the numbers of members and the difficulty in travel, a division of members was made in 1876 using the creek north of town as a dividing line. Those residing north would be in the Cherry Grove district; those south were in the Lanark district.

The church grew rapidly and within a few years two additions were built. In 1910 the present building was erected. Twelve pastors have served during these years: the Reverend Mr. Murray, I. D. Trout, I. R. Beery, J. M. Moore, Clyde Fourney, Forrest Eisenbise, I. D. Leatherman, H. F. Richards, Clifford Paul, Walter Bowman, Lorrel Eikenberry and John Thomas.

The church carries on a full program including Sunday School, Foreign and Home Missions, Ladies' Aid, and children and youth fellowships.

No musical instruments were used in the services until 1925 when a piano was purchased. Several years later an electric organ was added.

A weekly paper "The Brethren at Work" was published in Lanark for several years.

First Methodist Church

The Methodist Church started in 1858 in Cherry Grove Township under Rev. J. Brown. First services were in Sherwood's school house and one other until 1860 - 61.

In 1860 the church purchased a lot on the southeast corner of what is now the cemetery. The building cost \$1200 and was dedicated in 1861. But the establishment of Lanark and the coming of the railroad proved the building to be poorly located. So in 1862 James Wheat was paid \$90 to move the building to the corner of Locust and Rochester streets. Church membership was 45.

The original land reverted to Mrs. John Nycum with whom arrangements were made to deed it to the Methodist trustees for a burial ground and they could sell burial lots enough to pay for the church lot in town and fence the cemetery. In 1881 the land was conveyed to Lanark for its cemetery.

When as many as 180 were attending Sunday School in 1867 a larger building was planned. Lots on the north side of Locust, between Prince and High streets were purchased. The \$20,000 church was dedicated in January 1871. Red bricks for the church were made locally. A used pipe organ was purchased in Chicago and installed in 1889 for \$589.

In 1876 a severe storm blew the main spire down. In 1901 sparks from the elevator fire ignited the belfry. The east tower was also consumed, but firemen saved the main part of the church. When repairs were made a new 1700 pound bell was installed.

In 1912 extensive remodeling and redecorating took place: pebble dash on exterior, new steam boiler, lights, carpet, oak rail from the John Wolf farm, Flautt Communion memorial, outside double steps replaced by single tier. Cost \$3300.

In 1955 under the leadership of Rev. Irving Bruhn subscriptions of \$2150 were raised to rebuild the organ. He encouraged the congregation to plan for remodeling to coincide with their centennial. Under Rev. Wm. Johnson extensive plans were made and in June 1958 a fund campaign launched with the membership pledging \$56,000. Plans included new chancel furniture, pews, lights, carpeting, passenger elevator, lowering floor of sanctuary, new floors in church parlors, classrooms with folding doors, new outside steps and sidewalk, and a church office. During the remodeling, activities were held in the Masonic Temple and American Legion Hall. Membership is 271. There have been 44 pastors.



Cherry Grove Church of the Brethren
(Christian Education Wing)



First Brethren Church

Cherry Grove Church of the Brethren

The Cherry Grove congregation was voted into existence on New Year's Eve 1859. In 1860 work was begun on the spacious meetinghouse which is still in use today.

A hundred years later in 1960 a Christian Education wing was added to furnish eleven new classrooms as well as restrooms and storage space.

Many people living today cherish fond memories of the past connected with Cherry Grove. Some have heard their fathers or grandfathers tell of hauling supplies by wagon from Freeport and Savanna to build the original meetinghouse. Others remember the traditional two day lovefeast and communion gatherings to which friends from other congregations would travel for many miles, some even coming by rail from the Chicago area.

The first foreign missionary to be sent by the Church of the Brethren, Christian Hope, went from Cherry Grove to Denmark in 1875.

Contrary to the modern trend, Cherry Grove remains a rural church beautifully situated on a large plot of ground in the open country. A spacious ranch-style parsonage was built close by in 1958 to accommodate a full-time minister.

A rich history lies back of this church which has given rise to two other congregations in the area, one in Lanark and one in Shannon, some eighty years ago. The recent building done here indicates a forward look and a strong faith in the continuing usefulness of Cherry Grove in doing the work of God's Kingdom.

The First Brethren Church

In 1884 a group of Brethren people called on Z. T. Livengood, pastor of Bethlehem Church of Milledgeville, in organizing a church in Lanark. The Rev. Stephen Bashor, an outstanding evangelist, held a series of meetings in the local Baptist church, and out of these meetings grew The First Brethren Church. The membership that first year was 25.

The small, dedicated group built a house of worship in 1895, having used the local Baptist and Congregational buildings. Z. T. Livengood was pastor and served for sixteen years, then later returned for another nine years. Other pastors were: J. W. Beer, W. D. Furry, H. Welty, J. H. Knepper, L. G. Smith, D. F. Eikenberry, B. T. Burnworth, Charles Beekly, Charles Mays, H. D. Fry, C. C. Grisso. G. T. Ronk, C. Zimmerman, E. D. Burnworth, W. C. Benchoff, Dr. L. McCarthneysmith, J. D. Hamel, H. F. Berkshire, Merle Hawbecker and Raymond Aspinall.

The original building is still used, but in 1919 the sanctuary was enlarged and an educational unit was added because the membership was over 200. Later improvements were: enlarging the basement, installing cathedral glass windows, remodeling the sanctuary, installing an electric organ, remodeling the kitchen, furnishing a nursery and equipping it with a sound-system.

A few of the outstanding Sunday School teachers were E. E. Dubbel, Emma Lichty, Ella Lichty, Sadie Puterbaugh, Oscar Tallman and Florence Truman. Mrs. Harry Miller was honored in 1960 for fifty years of teaching. Some of the outstanding superintendents were Will Herrington, Cal Puterbaugh, Christ Rowland, Harry Hepfer, and Ben Puterbaugh.

Lutheran Church

The Lutheran Church had its humble beginning December 20, 1874 when twenty area members met in the Congregational Church to organize. Rev. J. Henderson, pastor of Maple Grove, and Rev. Bell of Polo were in charge. Charter members were David and Susan Lower, Conrad and Sabina Diehl, Carl and Joanna Schoen, George and

Margueret Dorr, Jeremiah Slick, Phillip and William Schadt, Sara Flautt, Mrs. Haller, Anna Speicher, Mary Rosenstinger, Samuel and Mrs. Hassinger, Sophia Willis, Jane Henderson, and Catherine McCoy.

In the fall of 1876 the congregation erected its own building. The present parsonage was built in 1878. In May 1879 the consolidation of Maple Grove and Lanark congregations was effected. The names of Lowman, Hammond, Cotta, Grossman and Nichol were added.

Mrs. D. H. Schultz organized the first women's aid called the Mite Society, later known as the Ladies' Guild, and it was active until 1958. (In 1891 Mrs. Josiah Kuhn organized the Women's Home and Foreign Missionary Society.) Rev. and Mrs. Hersch organized all women into the Service League. In 1951 an Altar Guild was formed. To conform with the women's society of the United Lutheran Church of America the church women were re-organized in 1958. They have two units - one called the Marion Unit honoring Marion Crofton Rasmussen who with her husband, Rev. Peter Rasmussen, are serving as missionaries in Japan. In 1890 a theological student, I. K. Reed, and Miss Stella White organized the Young Peoples' Society of Christian Endeavor.

Rev. Kuhn encouraged the congregation to create a building fund, but it was not until ten years after he left that the enlarging was completed - in 1905. In 1917 the church was again enlarged. An electric organ was installed in 1947.

January 10, 1929 a new constitution was adopted and the church incorporated with the name "Trinity Evangelical Lutheran of Lanark, Illinois."

The influence of Rev. Koepf and teachers was a deciding factor with Robert Crofton when he decided to enter the ministry, and was ordained in 1953.

Present baptized membership is 377; confirmed membership is 251. Ministers who served are: J. Henderson, D. H. Shultz, W. T. Bactel, J. A. Beidler, J. Kuhn, E. F. Ott, Max Herring, I. N. Thomas, M. Colver, G. Bollinger, J. F. Sponseller, C. M. Wachter, H. C. Summers, H. C. Haithcox, Paul Buelow, M. Leshner, W. E. Kaitschuck, L. Mueller, W. Koepf, T. B. Hersch, W. West. D. Melbye, and M. Engelhardt.



English Lutheran Church



Faith Reformed Church

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The Faith Reformed Church was purchased by the Classis of Illinois of the Reformed Church of America from the board of the former Christian Church of Lanark on November 11, 1956. It was organized on January 4, 1957 by 18 charter families. The elders and deacons who were ordained and installed into their offices of a Consistory on February 3 were: Louis Newendyke, Gerald Pessman, Henry Van

Zuiden, Lawrence Tegler, Clarence Boelkens, and Jacob Dykstra. Rev. Richard Bouwkamp was ordained into the ministry and installed as the pastor on May 30, 1957.

In December 1956 the Sunday School was organized for all ages. It accepted the responsibility of supporting a missionary, the Rev. Samuel Hoffman, who is in Chiapas, Mexico. The Junior and Senior Christian Endeavor groups meet weekly. The Ladies' Faith Guild and the Men's Brotherhood were organized in October 1957, meet monthly, and aim to study and support missions. A Junior Choir is very active. During the fall and winter months one night a week is family night. Children have catechism; adults have Bible study and a prayer meeting followed by choir practice and a teachers' meeting.

United Church Women

On January 17, 1926, about 60 women of the Lanark District Sunday School Association met at the Christian Church to form the first Bible Class Federation of women and girls over 18. The Federation aimed to unite the women for the advancement of religious, civic and moral issues. Officers were: Mmes. A. D. Moore, Addie Zuck, and Ada Eckerle. Serving on the board were: Mmes. Eva Royer, Anna Teeter, May Sword, Ruth Stattler, Emma Snively, Beatrice Hawk and Miss Lydia Steckelberg. They sponsored a Mother - Daughter Banquet in May and held about 5 meetings a year. On March 4, 1927 World Day of Prayer for Missions was first observed.

In 1942 they united with the National United Council of Church Women - a new organization formed by merging the Nation and Home Missions and the Foreign Missions Conference.

In 1954 May Fellowship Day was first observed. Now there are the annual January business meeting, World Day of Prayer, May Fellowship Day and World Community Day.

Recent projects were sponsoring UNICEF, taking children swimming, renting educational films about alcohol and narcotics for school use, giving books and magazines to schools on same topics; taking cookies to migrants; inviting migrants into homes the first Sunday they were in Lanark; and taking holiday meals or birthday treats to elderly residents in St. Jean Hotel.



Taber's Livery and Feed Stable

Schools

Schools in Lanark have made great progress since the first one was established in the Pierce home. The first building erected in 1865 was destroyed by fire in 1893. In 1894 another building was erected, and an annex added in 1911, and a gymnasium in 1928. A new high school was started in 1950; a grade school in 1958. These house all 12 grades. Rural schools provided for rural children in grades. In 1949 the community voted to form a unit district and bring all schools under one administration. All rural schools were closed and the seventh and eighth grades moved into a new addition to the high school. With the building of a grade school in 1958, all students were housed in new classrooms. Lanark can be proud of its facilities.

There are now 685 students enrolled in the two schools - an increase of 161 in nine years. Students have a choice between a college preparatory, vocational, or general course of study. About forty percent of our students enter college. Our schools are fully accredited.

The last 100 years have seen many progressive changes in our schools, and we anticipate many more. Much credit is due those who have supported the educational system.



Lanark High School today.

The present Lanark Grade School.



Lanark Fire Department

In 1861 the Lanark Fire Department was founded, and by 1865 or '66 it was known as The Boyle Hose Co. and made up of Engine, Hose, and Rescue Hook and Ladder companies. Martin J. Boyle was the first chief. Foremen were William Beans, C. W. Chamberlain, Henry Mayer, G. D. Crinklaw, and John M. Cross.

The 25th anniversary of the department was observed August 25 and 26, 1886. Ten other towns participated. In one event 10 of Lanark's firemen ran 300 yards with a hose cart, laid 25 yards of hose, and had water at the nozzle in less than a minute. They received \$100. Lanark made a 300-yard run with their hook and ladder and had a man at the top of a 15 foot ladder in 48 seconds. At the State Meet in 1887 Lanark won first and received \$250.



The first pumper of the Lanark Fire Department.

The first Firemen's Ball was held in 1879 in the old Opera House with lunch at the Lanark House.

With proceeds from their winnings, contests, dances, etc. the firemen purchased "Old Neptune," a hand-operated truck, that took 15 - 20 men on the handles. A suction hose was dropped into a cistern and water pumped through a regular 2-1/2 inch hose. By 1917 or '18 Old Neptune was used only for Fourth of July fun, but it still operated well. The Council sold it to the Fox Film Company to use in the movie "The Chicago Fire."

In 1917 an ordinance was passed that no fire apparatus could travel over 15 miles per hour in the city! This was after Harry Sites pulled a hose cart behind a Model T grocery truck and broke a wheel.

In 1924 a Stoughton truck was purchased and housed in the station presently occupied by the Lamoreux Grocery. In 1928 the new City Hall was built on West Carroll Street and the fire station moved there. In 1929 a rural fire company was formed by

selling shares to farmers to buy a truck. In 1947 the city bought a truck to replace that. In 1948 shares were again sold for another truck. The department had difficulty collecting from non-members the fees which were \$35 the first hour and \$25 after that. So in 1948 a Fire Protection District was formed which is supported by taxation. This district purchased the equipment from the city and rural communities - and housed it in a very fine new stone building.

New rural water systems often mean smaller stock tanks and no cisterns, so water is hauled to farm fires. In 1954 a new 1300 gallon tanker was purchased. The Illinois Inspection Bureau agreed that if 3,000 gallons were hauled to rural fires there would be a 6% insurance reduction. So another tanker was purchased in 1957.

In 1953 the need of an Emergency Unit was felt. Enough donations were received to buy a used ambulance and equipment. At present there is a First Aid Fund made up of donations from people served.

A truck was needed that could travel in soft fields, so in 1959 a four-wheel-drive power wagon was purchased. The problems of rushing four and five pieces of equipment to fires, going for additional water, and perhaps needing neighboring companies, resulted in the decision in 1961 to buy a two-way radio.

There are now 28 members. The only surviving members of the original old hose company are Wilbur Whitmer, Boyd Barber and Carl Klome.



This blacksmith scene was typical of the early days of this century.

Commercial Club

The Lanark Commercial Club was organized November 29, 1946 and the following officers were elected: Ted Werdin, William Frank, Mrs. Luella Brown and Jack

Buche.

A number of firms have been contacted by the club about locating in Lanark. In 1949 the Forster Brothers, John, Henry and Frank, and Lawrence Wiebers moved from Chicago and built their factory and two homes north of the cemetery. Forster Brothers manufactured miniature airplane motors and high-precision products. In July 1957 John and Leonard Appelt bought the factory and dwellings. The firm is now the Forster - Appelt Mfg. Co., Inc.

Through the club the Hygenics Fabrics, Inc. came to 120 South Broad Street in May 1959. Henry Sorenson is plant manager. The cloth products manufactured there are used in cheese-making.

In serving the community the club has purchased the blinker light at the junction of highways 72, 73, 64 and 52; installed a drinking fountain at Locust and Broad Streets; worked with the Lions Club in building the city park shelter house and restrooms; decorated the streets at Christmas and given children their treats.

Present officers are Claude Stauffer, Lester Jones, Roswell Packard and Hugh Pettinger.



The canning factory in an early time.

Lions Club

The Lions Club was chartered in 1956 with 213 in attendance - nineteen of them visitors from other clubs. There are 42 charter members, and the following have served as president: C. E. Cheek, Henry Sorensen, Howard Cassens, Arthur Rostron, C. F. Isenberger.

Major projects of this service club have been building two tennis courts, erecting new street signs, building a shelter house in the park with the assistance of the Commercial Club, supplying disposal containers for the downtown streets, co-sponsoring the Centennial Celebration.

Objects of the Lions Clubs are: To create and foster a spirit of generous consideration among the peoples of the world through a study of the problems of international relationships from the standpoint of business and professional ethics.

To promote the theory and practice of the principles of good government and good citizenship.

To take an active interest in the civic, commercial, social and moral welfare of the community.

To unite the members in the bonds of friendship, good fellowship, and mutual understanding.

To provide a forum for the full and free discussion of all matters of public interest, partisan politics and sectarian religion alone excepted.

To encourage efficiency and promote high ethical standards in business and professions; provided that no club shall hold out as one of its objects financial benefits to its members.



This was once a woolen mill where blankets were made. It had become a poultry house by the time this picture was taken.

Woman's Club

The Lanark Woman's Club was organized February 12, 1929 by eleven members: Mes. Agnes Peebles, Grace Franck, Cora Livengood, Grace Engles, Fannie Moll, Verna Campbell, Etta Packard, Virginia Howell (first president), Hazel Mathias, Lottie Miller and Miss Winifred Miller. The object of the club was the mutual improvement of its members, and the promotion of good fellowship and helpfulness in intellectual and useful pursuits. Soon after organizing, the club joined the District and State Federations. The group met in homes, in the Legion Hall, again homes, in the Community Room, and at present meets in the Methodist Church parlors.

Throughout the years the club has contributed to all federation projects, the Community Chest, etc. and students have been sent to music camps. For 27 years it has been actively concerned about a library.

In 1930 eighteen books were purchased for a private library which was available to the city. Early in 1942 a 5,000 volume library in the White sisters' home was given Lanark. Requests about the care of the books led to the responsibility being given to the Woman's Club. A committee selected 2500 usable volumes. Members gave \$1 donations for the preparation of a room over the National Bank which gave free use of the room. The library officially opened in 1944, and for twelve years members took turns as librarians. Many projects were undertaken to earn money for this, and the Community Chest shared its gifts.

In 1957 the Library Committee circulated a petition favoring a property tax levy of .10%. Much credit is due Mr. and Mrs. Harry Lowman for informing groups

about library laws, tax levies, etc. The city voted for the levy and elected a board. The library is now in the Sites Building on Locust Street. The accessible, attractive rooms, increased volumes, and association with the State Library is very much appreciated by Lanark citizens.

Parent - Teacher Association

Lanark PTA was organized February 14, 1921 and a constitution adopted. Dues were 10¢ per member or more - at their discretion. The first meeting brought 90 people, and all year the attendance was from 80-100 persons. Officers were Rev. B. T. Burnworth, president; Miss Elizabeth Sprecher, secretary-treasurer; Mrs. Elmer Zuck, high school vice-president; and Mrs. Harry Gossard, grade school vice-president.

Money-making projects for school activities have always occupied a great deal of time. Many worth-while projects have been financed to help the schools and to promote good relations between homes and schools: library books for grades, a piano, a camera, electric food mixers for cafeteria, donations toward the public address system in grade school, high school band uniforms, community Halloween parties, and sponsorship of Brownie Troops.

1961 officers are Mrs. Clifford Sichta, Mrs. Charles Burkholder, Mrs. Joseph Rath and Mrs. Robert Queckboerner.

Wa Tan Ye Club

The Wa Tan Ye Club, a business women's service club, was organized September 5, 1950. Charter members were Mmes. Myrtle Baum, Luella Brown, Lewis Cram, Henry Engelking, Marlin Gaul, Fred Good, S. Hodes, Mabel Hoy, Cora Lindsay, Henry Sorenson, Juliette St. Jean, Roy Rife, Albert Warfel and Harold Zenter, the Misses Lorraine and Mary Ewing, Joyce Guentner, Pearl and Esther Kniss, Delores Peat, Florence and Hazel Schultz.

The initiatory service, held in the American Legion hall, was conducted by Mrs. Lucille Stransky of Savanna, national president, Genevieve Butler of Dubuque, Iowa, national vice-president, Marcella Sack of Mt. Carroll, and Mrs. Edith Bather of Clinton, Iowa. For some years meetings were held in the St. Jean Hotel and then in members' homes.

The president is now Mrs. Herbert Evans, and the 1961 motto is "Service Foremost."

Wa Tan Ye signifies "Foremost," and the members have been serving their community well. In 1953 they bought street signs for Lanark, and over the years they have helped with the heart fund, cancer and Red Cross drives, and sponsored a Cub Scout troop.

Freeport Memorial Hospital Auxiliary

The Lanark Auxiliary of the Freeport Deaconess Hospital was organized October 22, 1951. Personnel from the hospital and Freeport Auxiliary helped organize for the purpose of promoting and advancing the welfare of the hospital and its patients. First officers were Mrs. Earl Robison, Mrs. MacHarper Seyfarth, Mrs. Earl Bear and Mrs. Harry Lowman.

At first collections were taken at each meeting to help defray expenses, then it was voted to pay annual dues of \$1. Additional money was raised by special projects.

Money was given for student nurse scholarships, Hi-Lo bed and mattress, commode on a cart, inhalator cart, and \$150 for a light in the emergency room.

At meetings members worked folding papers, wrapping sponges, folding flats, etc. for the hospital.

In 1960 when the hospital changed its name to Freeport Memorial Hospital, the auxiliary changed its name.

American Legion

A Post of the American Legion was organized November 8, 1919 by World War I veterans. December 13 a charter was issued to this Charles Y. Crouse Post No. 357, named in honor of the first citizen to give his life.

Elmer A. Lockwood was the first commander, and meetings were in rooms over the National Bank. Charter members were: John Crouse, Harry Engles, Zack Kinkade, John R. Snively, Frank Myers, Zernie Brenaman, J. D. Chisholm, E. A. Lockwood, Dr. E. L. Hendricks, L. J. Hartman, H. H. Horner, F. G. Trousdale, Dan Eckman, S. R. Brenaman, Harold Hogan, Clayton Bowman, Albert Michaels, J. F. Miller, Roswell Packard, Clyde Newcomer, James M. Garner, Lester Rahn, Glenn Heyer, Leslie Rogers, George Peat and Boyd Garns.

In 1946 when World War II veterans began joining the Legion a new charter was issued, and the name became Crouse - Engles Post - to include the name of Allen Engles, the first World War II casualty.

In 1947, with the help of Lanark citizens, the Legion purchased the Glotfelty building on Broad Street as a memorial to veterans of all wars.

The Post has sponsored many civic projects: sent a boy each year to Boys' State, organized a Junior Baseball team, gave medals to outstanding eighth grade graduates, and sponsored Boy Scouts. Max Sisler is the present commander.



The Old Stone Bridge, an early landmark near Lanark.

American Legion Auxiliary

The American Legion Auxiliary of Lanark originated from Charles Y. Crouse Post, No. 357, on April 22, 1922 when a group of wives, mothers and sisters of members of the Post organized.

Mrs. T. I. Packard was the first president, and Mrs. Katharine Crouse, a charter member and mother of Charles Crouse, was the first and only "Gold Star" mother for many years.

In 1946 the name of the Post was changed to Crouse - Engles Post in honor of Alan Engles, first casualty of World War II, and new charters were presented to the Post and the Auxiliary.

Charter members were Mary and Edna Bender, Marianne Brenaman, Opal Chisholm, Grace Dahnke, Carrie Diffenderfer, Violet Dorland, Alice Eckman, Mabelle Eastabrook, Elsie Fulrath, Edith Hartman, Olive Hendricks, Hazel Hepfer, Annie Musselman, Etta Packard, Ruth Packard, Emma Snively, Emily Snively, Mary Snively, Josephine Taylor, Bernice Trousdale, Julia Wales and Elizabeth Wise.

"Gold Star" Mothers are: Mmes. Katharine Crouse, Clifford Engles, Earl Rahn, Ben Rosenberry, Albert Warfel, Russell Zier and Norman Hoffman.

The work of the Auxiliary is chiefly in Rehabilitation and Child Welfare. Veterans' hospitals and orphanages are filled with victims of wars - those blots on history. The national government supplies the creature comforts for the unfortunate people, but over the years, the Auxiliary units provide the many "little extras."

Grace Sweitzer, the current president, served in that capacity four other times.

Since 1943 the Auxiliary has sponsored a girl from the Junior Class of the high school for a week's citizenship training at Illini Girls' State.

Shiloh Women's Relief Corps

After the Civil War the Soldiers' Aid Societies that had given relief to soldiers and their families disbanded. Years later loyal women organized as the Women's Relief Corps to give aid and comfort to unfortunate comrades.

The WRC is the oldest patriotic organization in the U.S. In 1893 eighteen charter members began this corps with their officers: Nancy Sprecher, Anna Lafferty, Lettie Dresbach, Elizabeth Keller, Anna Bailey, Ora Sprecher, Rose Glotfelty, Lizzie Haller, Anna Sprecher, and Matilda Ford.

About 1900 Shiloh had the first and only magazine of any Corps. Other projects have been: soliciting for a resuscitator and blankets; putting a granite memorial marker on the high school grounds; marking all GAR graves; sponsoring essay scholarships to colleges (Russell Brooke went to Northwestern, Helen Wilkin to Carthage College); giving flags to schools, American Legion and Boy Scouts; giving an electric clock on Broad Street as a war memorial; sponsoring the first memorial services in 1927; doing Red Cross work; instigating the Rock Creek Comfort Station. Six lots in the cemetery were endowed by Mrs. Fannie Hegeman for members of the Post and of the WRC.

Rock Creek Grange

The Grange, a fraternal family organization, first started here 89 years ago. Energetic farmers organized 12 others in this area. D. N. Foster, a state deputy from Whiteside County, organized Rock Creek Grange #53 in 1872 in the home of D. S. Belding. Master D. W. Dame was assisted by these officers: Charles Cogswell, W. J. Dimon, W. M. Belding, Leonard Cogswell, D. Belding, C. Hagerman, I. Hodge, Mrs. L. Dame, Mrs. Fanny Hagerman, Mrs. D. Belding, Mrs. Lucy Cogswell. Male dues were \$3; female dues 50¢. Regular meeting was fixed for the Friday evening on or before the full moon of each month in members' homes. In 1873 D. W. Dame was on the state transportation committee, and in 1874 he was chairman of the state Execu-



The Rock Creek Grange, community center.



Charles Cotta, a native of Carroll County, built a steam powered car in Lanark in 1901.

tive Committee, and Mrs. Dame was Ceres. July 4, 1873 over 5,000 Grangers celebrated in Elkorn Grove at "Uncle Harry Smith's." Fifteen years of Grange agitation brought about important state and national legislation concerning interstate commerce, and township and county mutual insurance companies.

The Grange was active only a few years. Then in 1940 National Deputy Clifford Rugg met with Reynold Bloyer to organize a new Grange. Meetings were held in the North Otter Creek School, and the name Rock Creek Grange #1908 was chosen. As membership grew, meetings were held in the C. C. Center beginning in 1942. A membership drive netted 57 members and won the second place state banner. When the C.C.C. building was sold, the Grangers met in homes, the Masonic Temple a year, and Meek's Dining Room until 1952 when the Good School east of town was purchased. A kitchen was added, oil heat installed, etc.

Maude Lang has been state Lady Assistant Steward for several years. James and Gladys Keeney were the 1956 Illinois Couple of the Year.

The Grange offers its grounds for a public picnic area; use of the hall is free for special 4-H, etc. observances; needy are helped; polio drives sponsored; youths are sent to camp.

Present Master is Francis Prowant.

C. C. Circle

In 1920 when some rural neighbors met with Mrs. Frank Fritz, Mrs. Charlie Weed suggested that a meeting be called to organize farm women. Thirty met at the Maple Grove Church May 7 and organized the Crooked Creek Circle. It aimed to help fellow citizens to improve the community. Elected to office were Mmes. Charlie Diehl, Sylvia Puterbaugh, Lester Rahn and Charlie Weed.

The first regular meeting was in June at the home of Mrs. David Courts. Their own band played, and the Farm Adviser, G. R. Bliss, spoke.

When the Circle grew to over a hundred farm ladies the Maple Grove Church was purchased in 1926, and the building named the C. C. Community Center.

Some activities have been: working with the Farmers' Institute and Farm Bureau, helping with the Carroll Co. pageant, assisting needy families, donating to

USO, and serving banquets to farm organizations. A bronze plaque in memory of soldiers of World War II was placed on the south side of the National Bank.

The membership decreased by 1950 so that it was decided to sell the building and meet in homes. Twenty charter members still belong, and Mrs. Addie Zuck is the eldest. At present the Circle is a social group directed by Mmes. Raymond Grove, Charlie Diehl, Earl Carbaugh, Myrtle Baum and Roy Rupp.

Mothers' Club

The Lanark Mothers' Club was started in October of 1929 by twenty women. Mrs. Glenn Wise called the women together in her home to organize a study group affiliated with the PARENTS' MAGAZINE study course, in order that a better parent - child relationship might be established. Although no longer a member, in 1950, Mrs. Wise entertained the charter and current members in her home at a lovely "coming of age" party.

Charter members were: Mmes. Lew Bates, Jack Buche, Don Chisholm, Ralph Dyslin, George Garber, Leslie Hoak, George Jones, Harry Lowman, Leslie Merchant, O. B. Newcomer, Les Rahn, H. B. Rahn, Rex Rahn, Jessie Sigglekow, Emory Tallman, Albert Warfel, Ethel Weed, D. R. Weed, I. D. Leatherman and Glenn Wise.

Present officers are: Mrs. James Jones, Mrs. Paul Johnson and Mrs. Matt Law.

Masonic Lodge

The first record of meetings of the Masonic Lodge was February 13, 1864. Officers were Charles Cogswell, D. W. Dame, William Bean, George Puterbaugh, John M. Crinklaw, W. F. Ward and Mr. Tyler. The charter of the Lanark Lodge #423 A.F.O.A.M. was granted October 4, 1865. Meetings were held over the bakery. In 1921 the members built a two-story, splendid brick building.



The town dray about 1880 hauling broom corn for a broom maker, Mr. Schilling.

Beltista Chapter No. 515

The order of Eastern Star was established in the U.S. in 1778. On July 20, 1871 a charter was issued to Irma Chapter No. 76 at Lanark. Anna Harnish was Worthy Matron; W. H. Wales, Worthy Patron; and Hattie M. Smith, Associate Matron. Other charter members were Lizzie Wales, Winnie Snyder, Emma Van Velken, H. H. Noble, Amanda Hamilton, Mary Dingee, and R. S. Wickey. Masonic brothers on the document were G. F. Van Velken, Benjamin Noble, E. W. Dingee, I. L. Hamilton, James Compton, George A. Smith, Henry Wickey, H. W. Wales, M. B. Harnish, and D. H. Snyder. Little is known regarding the activity or dissolution of this chapter.

In 1903 Clara M. Kremmer of Ola Chapter, Mt. Carroll, called on Masonic families about organizing a chapter. On May 28 a meeting was held, requirements met, and the organized chapter named Beltista which means "Best of its kind."

June 12, 1903 the institution of the new chapter was held. Officers were: Grace Franck, E. D. Leland, Phoebe Yeager, Helen Middlekauff, Ora Sprecher, Ora Strickler, Jennie Staley, Harriet Noble, Lizzie Wales, Etta Packard, Mary R. Stuart, Mary K. Dors, Ella Swigert, Rose Redline, Agnes Woodside, Cora McLaughlin and E. D. Frank.

The chapter met at the Masonic Temple above the bakery on Broad Street until April 6, 1922 when the new temple was dedicated.

In 1930 Jennie Klome received her commission as a Grand Lecturer and has served ever since. A Past Matrons' Club was organized in 1950. In 1961 Ramah Chapter, Chadwick, merged with Beltista Chapter.

Etta Packard, Rose Redline, and Cora McLaughlin are the surviving charter members. Fifty-year members include May Wiley, Anna Hower, and Amy Morris. Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Bird are Worthy Patron and Matron.

Boy Scouts

The Lanark Troup 61 of Boy Scouts was chartered in February 1926. Rev. Eckert, pastor of the Church of God, was the first Scout Master. In 1938 the American Legion became sponsors of the group and still are.

Troup 61 has its own camp. Nearly all members attend Canyon Camp every year for a week. Several boys have attended the big Philmont Scout Camp at Cimmaron, New Mexico. The National Jamborees have also been attended by some of our boys. "Skipper" Hugh Davies and Kenneth Gossard went to the California Jamboree in 1953. Gary Downs attended the 1957 and 1960 Jamborees in Valley Forge and Colorado Springs.

The highest award in Scouting is that of Eagle Scout. To receive this a Scout must earn twenty-one merit badges in as many subjects. In 1931 Harlan Downs was the first Carroll County Scout to ever receive this. Later Hadley Moore and Eldon Lower became Eagle Scouts.

Many are the good turns Troop 61 has done for Lanark. For twenty-two years the boys have placed the street flags. On Memorial Day they decorated the soldiers' graves. They distributed Civil Defense books of emergencies, and "Get Out the Vote" posters.

George Wales helped with Scouting for 22 years, a Master for 18. James Jones is the present Scout Master.

4 - H Clubs

4-H Club work began in Lanark in 1928 as the Lanark Agricultural Club under the leadership of Donald Duncan. The name has changed several times, and at one time the club divided into the West End and East End clubs, but in 1950 combined to form the present Lanark Larkers.

Other leaders have been Wesley Langdoc, Melvin Stengel, Maurice Guenzler, Kenneth Kniss, Howard Cassens, Russell Lamoreux, Merle Sturtevant and Kenneth Erbsen.

An annual livestock show was held for several years at the Claude Cook farm south of Lanark, then moved to the old fair grounds at Mt. Carroll, back to Lanark, and then to Savanna's Old Mill Park. Entries have become so numerous at this annual 4-H Round-up it has become a two and three-day affair.

Clubs began as livestock groups, but now almost any field is included. In 1937 the first home economics club began here when Mrs. Melvin Stengel, Miss Ella Sue Beck and Miss Phyllis Buche led a sewing club.

In 1942 the Tip-Toppers (cooking unit) began under Mrs. Henry Engelking's direction. Other leaders were Mmes. Delmar Lang, Orville Bowers, Robert Lichty, Dean Lower, Charles Burkholder, and at present Miss Falodene Winters.

The Wonder Workers (sewing unit) began in 1947. Special mention goes to Mrs. Ralph Glenn for leading eleven years, and Mrs. Russell Rahn for six years. Others were Mmes. Paul Sweitzer, Stanley Finifrock, Lloyd Edler, Kenneth Blakesley, Ronald Hoover, Earl Kaufman, Harlan Rogers, Ward Frederick, Herbert Brantner, John Maxwell, James Miller, Ralph Flickinger and Robert Queckboerner. From 1950-52 there was a junior division of this unit. Girls who sent garments or participated in the clothing revue at state fair were Marilee Lotz, Carolyn Erbsen, Margaret Stitzel, Velma Amling, Patty Graham, Elaine Hawbecker, Sharon Flickinger, Donna Lee Adams, Joan Burkholder.

The Rockettes Club was organized in March 1955 in order to have a rural group east of Lanark. They have studied ten different projects. Those who have gone to state fair are Lorena Grove, Paulette Sheridan, Patricia Sheridan, Connie Libberton and Dianne Flickinger. In 1960 the entire club went to the fair with their Share-the-Fun act. For two years the club was the county Club-of-the-Year. Since its beginning the leader has been Mrs. Orval Schoonhoven, with part-time assistance from Mrs. Oliver Vietmeyer and Mrs. Robert Engelking.

The Brookville Ramblers, a livestock unit, has been led for seven years by Emmerson Iske and Clarence Van de Velde. Gary Flickinger has gone to state fair.

Home Bureau

In 1946 Home Bureau units were organized in the county. Lanark has four day-time units and one evening group. Home Bureau is an association of women interested in education for home-making. Any woman may belong. A Home Adviser meets every other month to give the major lesson; other lessons are given by women in the units.

Girl Scouts

Girl Scouts started in 1940 with Mrs. E. Walters as their first leader. In the early years Mrs. Emerson Champion and Mrs. Allen Zier were leaders, too.



D. W. Dame purchased the land, under auspices of the Northern Illinois Railroad, and laid out the city of Lanark. He was the first mayor of Lanark.

Biographies

D. W. DAME, born in Sandwich, New Hampshire in 1820, came to Carroll Co., Illinois in June 1857. He located in Section 29, Rock Creek Township, on a 500 acre farm. The Northern Illinois Railroad hired him to purchase the land and lay out the city of Lanark. He was its first mayor and instrumental in much progress in the area, served on the state legislature, and held many city, county and state offices.

DR. H. W. WALES, born in Ogle County in 1840, came to Lanark in 1864 to practice medicine. He enlisted in the Union Army and was active for the duration, then returned here to practice for many years. Dr. Wales owned the first automobile in Lanark, and the day he brought it home school was dismissed so children could see the new "horseless carriage."

MISS LILLIAM CLEMMER taught school fifty years in Lanark and three years in the area before coming here in 1886. Many of our citizens have a common school bond, in that they had her for a teacher of history and geography in their junior high years. Summers she often traveled and visited most of the United States and Alaska, and several European countries. She was active in civic and church organizations and especially enjoyed good music, plays and lectures. Eleven girls made their home with her while going to school.

W. H. HESS was born in 1853 on a farm north of Mt. Carroll and moved to Lanark in 1860. His father operated one of the first hardware stores here, and he succeeded his father in the business. Later he worked for the First National Bank. Investment properties were his main interest, and many of Lanark's homes were built by him. He is survived by a daughter, Miss Leona Hess.

Nonagenarians

These senior citizens of Lanark could each write or tell a book about Lanark: Mmes. Mary Peters, Carrie Erisman, Adelaide Dambman, Addie Zuck, George Morris, Rose Hermann, Anna Manning, Harry Force, Maynie Peters, Len Zier, Jennie Sipe, and Messrs. John Zier, William Sites, and John Bowers.

Do You Remember?

Petey Wales' piano accompaniments for silent movies and song-fests? And his Great Dane dogs?

The city ordinances prohibiting throwing snow balls, and Sunday ball games?

Chatauqua?

Dr. Henry Wales' first car - a Cadillac?

The Old Opera House?

That David Becker planted the first orchard?

The log cabin that stood near the Frank Zier farm from 1838 - 1958? (Frank and Raymond Zier, Jake and Everet Sturtevant and Mrs. Lloyd Rogers are descendants of Wm. Boardman, the builder of cabin.)

Wooden sidewalks? Then black-topped ones?

Wm. Hogan of the City Drug exhibiting a new phonograph, and playing songs and political speeches on request?

McKenney Bros. and Lafferty Store advertising everything from a darning needle to a threshing machine in 1897.

The old windmill at Broad and Carroll Streets that pumped water for the city until 1889?

That an airplane was built east of Lanark?

That a Cotta car was built here in 1903?

The high school band went to Flint, Michigan to the National Band contest May 21, 1930.

When the property owners on West Pearl Street paved the street at a cost of \$2 per frontage foot per property owner?

That a Dodge touring car cost \$862 in 1939?

That in 1939 Carroll County celebrated its centennial?

When the firebell hung from two posts in front of George Wales' grocery?

That the first time automobiles were in the Old Settlers' parade was in 1910?

That at one time Lanark had 14 "secret societies"?

When Lanark had a 35 - piece cornet band under the direction of D. C. Pfautz?

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True fame being the nebulous thing it is, few poets live to see their work taught in the public schools. A prime exception is Glenn Ward Dresbach of Eureka Springs, whose 71 years in the service of poetry has recently led to his election to the International Institute of Arts and Letters.

A native of Lanark, Carroll County, Illinois, Dresbach moved to Carroll County, Arkansas, in 1941 following an illustrious twin career of business and poetry. He has published 11 volumes of poetry, climaxing with "Collected Poems, 1914 - 1948" (Caxton Printers, Ltd.) in 1950.

The Last Corn Shock

- Glenn Ward Dresbach -

I remember how we stood
In the field, while far away
Blue hazes drifted on from hill to hill
And curled like smoke from many a sunset wood,
And the loaded wagon creaked while standing still . .
I heard my father say,
"The last corn shock can stay."

We had seen a pheasant there
In the sun; he went inside
As if he claimed the shock, as if he meant
To show us, with the field so nearly bare,
We had no right to take his rustic tent.
And so we circled wide
For home, and let him hide.

The first wild ducks flashed by
Where the pasture brook could hold
The sunset at the curve, and drifting floss
Escaped the wind and clung. The shocks were dry
And rustled on the wagon. Far across
The field, against the cold,
The last shock turned to gold.

From THE COLLECTED POEMS, 1914 -
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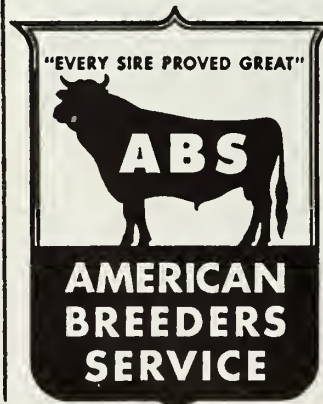
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